ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

—OF THE—

PEA RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

— HELD WITH —

Sardis Church, Geneva Co., Ala., Nov. 5th, 6th and 7th, 1892.

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OFFICERS.

J. W. BROOKS, Huggins, Ala.,	Moderator.
A. J. WISE, JR., Victoria, Ala.,	Clerk.
J. H. SMITH, Damascus, Ala.,	Treasurer.

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Next Session to be held with New Ebenezer Church, Coffee County, Ala., on Saturday before the first Sabbath in November, 1893.

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MINUTES.

The Pea River Baptist Association met according to a previous adjournment on the 5th, 6th and 7th days of November, 1892, with Sardis church, Geneva county, Ala., in its Sixteenth Annual Session.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. J. M. Tally, the appointee.

After one hour for refreshments, the Association was called to order by the former Moderator. Singing and prayer by J. T. Register.

The letters from the several churches were presented and read by D. C. Allen and J. F. Register, and delegates' names enrolled as follows :

Hebron—Jno. Bradley, J. J. Bradley and G. W. Johnson.

Damascus—J. D. Parkman, W. S. Windham and J. A. Right.

Piney Grove—J. W. Brooks, L. J. Thomas and M. L. D. Crews.

White Water—D. J. Williams, A. S. Head and J. M. White.

New Providence—W. B. Haney and W. J. Spurlin.

Union Grove—J. W. Kenington, L. W. Cox and J. T. Owens.

3 Notch Bethlehem—C. A. Hatcher and E. E. Byrd.

Pilgrim Rest—J. M. Roades, F. E. Bedsole and Wm. Hall.

Zion Chapel—T. J. Brooks, L. F. Jernigan and J. J. Calhoun.

Shiloh—M. A. Helms, sr., and R. Holloway.

New Ebenezer—J. A. Taylor, J. R. Spurlin and N. B. Fleming.

Ti Ti—A. J. Brooks, R. R. Priest and J. H. Smith.

Bluff Springs—W. H. Archer and J. W. Johnson.

Sardis—J. D. Fleming, James W. Dubose and L. P. Geoghagan.

Bethlehem—A. J. Wise, Jr., and J. F. Brooks.

Mount Pleasant, Covington County—J. W. Holloway, T. J. Clark and W. T. Clark.

Mount Pleasant, Coffee County—J. M. Tally, H. S. Nichols and W. F. Nichols.

Bethany—J. J. Thames and C. F. Floyd.

Proceeded to elect officers by acclamation, which resulted in the re-election of J. W. Brooks, Moderator, A. J. Wise, Jr., Clerk, and the election of J. H. Smith, Treasurer. Invited visiting ministers to seats in the body. Called for petitions from churches desiring membership, when a letter was presented from Bethany church by her delegates, J. J. Thames

and C. F. Floyd, and the Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the Association.

The Moderator then appointed the following committees to report during the session.

On Divine Service—C. A. Hatcher, J. A. Taylor, together with the delegates and deacons from Sardis church.

On Finance—E. E. Byrd, J. M. Tally and D. J. Williams.

On Documents—H. S. Nichols, R. R. Priest and Wm. Hall.

On Nominations—J. D. Parkman, W. H. Archer and M. A. Helms.

The Moderator then filled the vacancy in the standing committee on Missions by appointing A. J. Brooks, R. Holloway and N. B. Fleming to report during the session.

On motion, instructed the committee on Nominations to appoint a standing committee to report at next session on Deceased Ministers and Deacons.

Called for correspondence from sister Associations, when Eld. D. C. Allen responded from Salem Association, and Eld. J. T. Register and Bros. G. J. Scott and H. H. Thames from Geneva Association, and Eld. A. N. Worthy from Troy Association, and G. W. McLeod, J. E. Hughes, B. F. Harbuck and A. Hart from Zion Association.

The committee on Divine Service report to preach Saturday night, J. W. Kenington and J. F. Register, and committee on Sabbath Schools to report Sabbath 9 o'clock a. m., and to preach Sabbath 11 o'clock, Eld. D. C. Allen and John Bradley. At 2 o'clock p. m., J. F. Register and A. J. Brooks. At night, Eld. John Bradley and J. M. Brooks. On motion adjourned until 8 o'clock a. m. Monday morning. Singing and prayer by J. W. Kenington.

On Sabbath the committee on Sabbath Schools report, read and adopted, and the ministers preached in the order of their names to large and orderly congregations.

MONDAY MORNING, November 7th, 1892.

The Association was called to order. Singing and prayer by Eld. A. N. Worthy. Renewed call for correspondence. Dispensed with the call of roll of delegates for the present. Called for report of committees.

Report of committee on Nominations read and adopted.

Report on Missions read and adopted.

Report on Finance read and adopted.

Called roll and marked absentees.

Report of Executive Committee read and adopted.

Report on Documents read and adopted.

Report on Temperance read and adopted.

On motion the Clerk was instructed to send this report to the Alabama Baptist for publication.

Treasurer's report read and adopted.

J. D. Parkman offered the following resolution of thanks which was adopted:

Resolved, That we do feel and hereby tender our sincere thanks to the members of Sardis church, together with the very kind citizens in the surrounding vicinity, for their kindness towards us during our stay among them.

The deficit in the settlement of the Executive Committee with the Missionary of $13.00 was agreed to be paid by the churches.

On motion the Clerk was to supply the churches with minutes, and to receive $5.00 for his services. Minutes read and adopted. Adjourned to meet with New Ebenezer church, six miles west of Elba, near Donnelly's X Roads, on Saturday before the first Sabbath in November, 1893.

J. W. BROOKS, Moderator.

A. J. WISE, JR., Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

John Bradley, - - Milo, Ala.	J. M. Rowe, - - Elba, Ala.
M. Brooks, - - Victoria, "	J. W. Brooks, - - Marl, "
J. F. Kendrick, - " "	A. J. Brooks, - Huggins, "
J. W. Kenington, Clintonville, "	W. N. Gain, - Brundidge, "
J. W. Ballard, - Daleville, "	H. S. Nichols, Coffee Springs, "
J. M. Tally, - " "	T. J. Clark, - Wiggins, "

VISITING MINISTERS.

D. C. Allen, - Brundidge, Ala.	G. W. Kierce, Lake View, Ala.
A. N. Worthy, - Troy, "	J. F. Register, - Geneva, "

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.—We, your committee on Sabbath Schools, beg leave to report. We have nothing encouraging to report, as we find but few churches have Sabbath Schools. We suggest as a remedy that each church at a conference pass a resolution to have Sabbath Schools at their churches every Sabbath in each month, and elect all their officers necessary, superintendent, leaders, and all, and have them report to the church at each conference the number of times they have met for School, the number of teachers and pupils that attend, together with such other information as might be deemed necessary by each church. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. D. PARKMAN, Ch'n.

ON NOMINATIONS.—We, your committee on Nominations, offer the following report: To preach the Introductory Sermon at the next session of the Association, A. J. Brooks, his alternate, J. M. Tally, and as an Executive Committee, M. A. Helms, J. M. Tally, J. A. Taylor, J. L. Lewis, H. S. Nichols.

We also nominate the following standing committees to report in 1893:

On Missions—A. J. Brooks, E. E. Byrd and Tom Geoghagan.

On Sabbath Schools—J. W. Kenington, W. S. Windham and I. J. Johnson.

On Temperance—A. J. Wise, Jr., C. O. Helms and J. J. Bradley.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—D. J. Williams, C. R. Talbot, W. J. Spurlin. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. D. PARKMAN, Ch'n.

On Missions.—We, your committee on Missions, offer the following report: There has been from session to session of this Association, reports on missions adopted containing many valuable suggestions, ways and plans whereby the cause of missions might have been conducted, and we have seen all these come to a practical *naught;* therefore we have no plan or way to suggest, as all have been exhausted. We now submit the cause to you, God's children, to act at once in some practical way, that our Father's cause may be advanced, relying on your sense of duty and responsibility. Respectfully submitted.

A. J. Brooks, Ch'n.

To which E. E. Byrd offered the following amendment:

We, the delegates composing the Pea River Association, resolve to do all in our power to assist our pastors in raising all the funds we can for missions, and was then adopted.

On Finance.—We, your committee on Finance, beg leave to make the following report: Received for missions $4.50; On Sabbath collection $11.00; for Indigent ministers $32.75, of which $29.75 has been paid prior to this session of the Association. For minutes $20.45; paid over to the Tresurer $38.95; and his receipt taken for the same. All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. E. Byrd, Ch'n

Report of Executive Committee.—We, your Executive committee, offer the following as our report: We met on the 2d day of April, and agreed to employ a Missionary to serve in the bounds of the Pea River Association, and selected Bro. A. J. Brooks and contracted with him to preach a weeks time with eight churches—Shiloh, Mount Pleasant, Pilgrim Rest, Ti Ti, Woodland Grove and Hebron and two of his own selection,.and was to give him $47.10. We have given him an order for $27.10.

M. A. Helms, Ch'n.

On Documents—We, your committee on Documents, offer the following report: We find that New Ebenezer and Hebron churches have petitioned for the next session of this Association to convene with them. We recommend that the next session be held with New Ebenezer church, 6 miles west of Elba, near Donnally's x Roads.

H. S. Nichols, Ch'n

On Temperance.—We your committee on Temperance, offer the following report: There has been able reports made by good and efficient committees at nearly every session of this Association for sixteen years on this subject, and still the same old complaint remains. Occasionally we hear that a member has been drinking too much. Our reports have taken the shape of formalities. Now, therefore, we, your committee, are impressed that the Roman Scriptures means something when they say, "No drunkard shall ever enter the Kingdom of Heaven," and that crime is put prominently in the category of crimes and abominations.

We are likewise impressed that the Scriptures in Matthew mean something when they say "The keys of the Kingdom are given you." Now, we believe that the crime of drunkenness is God-dishonoring and an abomination in the sight of God, and when a church member has so far lost sight of his duty and obligations to his God as to be continually violating his holy laws by tippling and drunkenness, and will not reform, your committee declares that it is the duty of the church to which such a member belongs, to prefer charges and expel on such charges, as we believe it is their duty and would be in disorder if such duty was not discharged. Your committee is confident that the crime is, by its insidious and stealthy steps, gaining a popularity in the Baptist ranks. Social drinking is a curse to our churches of no mean proportions, and if there is no power in the churches to stop or check this crime in the membership, we can see no use of these annual reports. All of which is very respectfully submitted.

A. J. Wise, Jr.

TREASURER'S REPORT.—Your Treasurer offers the following report:
J. H. Smith in account with Pea River Association

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RECEIPTS.		
To amount received of Finance Committee, - -	$38.75	
DISBURSEMENTS.		
By amount paid A. J. Wise, Jr., Clerk, - - - - -		$20.45
Leaving a balance in my hands of - - - - -	$18.50	

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. SMITH, Treasurer.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Hear letters from the churches read.
2. Elect Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
3. Invite ministering brethren to seats.
4. Call for Petitions from churches desiring to unite.
5. Appoint Committees, to report during session, viz:
   - To Arrange Preaching.
   - On Missions.
   - On Finance.
   - On Documents.
   - On Nominations.
6. Call for Correspondence.
7. Return Correspondence.
8. Have Rules and Decorum read.
9. Call roll and mark absentees.
10. Hear reports from committees.
11. Hear Treasurer's report.
12. Hear miscellaneous resolutions.
13. Make arrangements for printing Minutes.
14. Correct Minutes and adjourn.

RULES OF DECORUM.

RULE 1. The Moderator shall fill the chair and preserve order in the Association, which shall be opened and closed by prayer.

RULE 2. The privileges and authority of the Moderator shall be respected by all the members; he shall decide all questions of order and propriety.

RULE 3. The Moderator shall vote in no case, unless there is a tie in the Association, then he shall give the casting vote. He shall have the same privilege of speaking as other members, provided he shall appoint some member to fill the chair.

RULE 4. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and keep the subject; and he shall not speak more than twice on the same subject without leave from the chair.

RULE 5. No member shall leave the body while on business, except by permission from the chair.

RULE 6. hen a question is taken up, after allowing time for deliberation, the Moderator shall take the voice of the body by calling for the yeas and nays.

RULE 7. All motions in order shall disposed of by the body, unless withdrawn by him that made it.

RULE 8. A list of names of the delegates shall be called and absentees marked.

RULE 9. The Clerk shall enroll the names of the delegates, and keep a regular record of all the business of the Association.

RULE 10. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected before the body rise.

RULE 11. This Decorum may be altered, or amended, by two-thirds of this body.

TABULAR STATEMENT OF THE CHURCHES FOR THE YEAR 1892.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND THEIR P. O.	CLERKS AND THEIR P. O.	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Received by Voucher	Dead	Expelled	Dismissed by Letter	Total Membership	For Minutes	For Home Missions	For Foreign Missions.	For Indigent Ministers	Sabbath Schools	Meeting Sabbath
Bethlehem	C. L. Mathews, Cr:tten Mills	A. J. Wise, Victoria	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	83	.....	.....	..	.....	..	4th
3 Notch Bethlehem	J. W. Brooks, Huggins	C. A. Hatcher, Keyton	..	.5	.2	..	..	14	..	50	$1 20	$1 00	..	.....	.1	.. 3d
Bluff Springs	J. W. Brooks, Huggins	C. O. H. Martin, Rodney	..	.1	..	..	.1	.1	.2	55	2 00	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Bethany	J. M. Tally, Dot	C. F. Floyd, Annie	..	.1	.1	..	.1	.4	.3	33	60	.....	..	.....	..	.. 3d
Damascus	J. F. Register, Marl	J. D. Parkman, Damascus	..	..	..	..	.2	.2	.2	44	1 25	.....	..	.....	..	.. 4th
Hebron	J. D. Allen, Frescoe	Z. R. Fuller, Perdue	14	.2	.1	.1	.1	1	..	51	1 00	.....	..	.....	..	.4th
Mt. Pleasant, Cof. Co.	J. F, Register, Marl	J. L. Earley, Coffee Springs	..	..	..	..	.1	.6	11	65	1 60	.....	..	.....	..	.....
Mt. Pleasant, Cov. Co.	.....	J. H. Holloway, Hallton	.2	..	..	..	..	.1	.3	28	1 25	50	25	25	..	.....
New Ebenezer	J. W. Brooks, Huggins	W. F. Whaley, Curtis	..	.3	..	..	..	.1	.1	49	1 80	.....	..	16 00	..	.....
Piney Grove	J. W. Brooks, Huggins	S. W. Thomas, Huggins	.1	.3	.1	..	..	..	.3	34	1 00	.....	..	3 75	..	.. 1st
New Providence	J. M. Tally, Dot	T. J. Beard, Elba	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	50	.....	..	.....	..	.. 2d
Pilgrim Rest	J. F. Register, Marl	F. B. Bedsole, Cross Trail	.7	.3	.2	..	.1	..	.2	33	1 00	.....	..	.....	.1	.. 1st
Sardis	J. W. Brooks, Huggins	L. P. Geoghagan, Martha	.3	.8	..	..	..	..	..	51	1 75	.....	..	50	..	.. 2d
Shiloh	A. J. Brooks, Huggins	M. A. Helms, Elba	..	.3	..	..	..	..	.2	19	50	.....	..	.....	..	.. 1st
Ti Ti	A. J. Brooks, Huggins	J. H. Smith, Goodman	.3	.5	..	..	..	..	..	15	1 00	1 00	..	1 00	..	.. 2d
Union Grove	J. W. Kenington, Clintonville	R. W. Johnson, Enterprise	.1	.8	..	..	.1	..	..	42	1 00	.....	..	.....	..	.. 2d
White Water	Jno. Bradley, Perdue	D. J. Williams, Elba	..	.2	..	..	..	.3	..	57	1 50	.....	..	10 00	..	.. 1st
Zion Chappel	A. J. Brooks, Huggins	J. H. Forman, Rodney	.5	.4	..	.1	..	..	.2	36	1 50	1 50	..	1 50	..	.. 3d
		Total	36	48	.7	.2	.7	33	31	757	20 45	4 00	25	33 00	2	